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Re: **Continuation of PCT Application - 35 U.S.C. 111(a)**
Applicants: Tetsujiro KONDO, Takashi HORISHI
Our Ref.: 450101-02094

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are papers constituting the above patent application which is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 as a **Continuation of a PCT application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111(a)** without a signed Declaration. Please accord a filing date and a serial number to such application and inform the undersigned thereof so that a signed Declaration and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) may be duly filed.

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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of a Continuation application of a PCT application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111(a) in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

CODING DEVICE AND METHOD, AND DECODING DEVICE AND METHOD

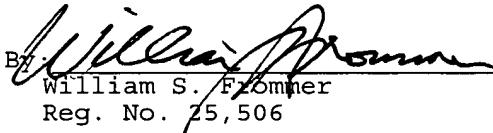
The following are enclosed:

Specification (18 pages)
 12 Sheet(s) of Drawings
 38 Claim(s) (including 4 independent claim(s))
This application contains a multiple dependent claim
 Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney signed unsigned
 Preliminary Amendment
 Our check for \$ 690.00, calculated as follows:
Basic Fee, \$690.00 (\$345.00) \$ 690.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each: 324.00
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$78.00 (\$39.00) each: 78.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$260.00 (\$130.00) -0-
Total Filing Fee \$ 1,092.00
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 Pursuant to MPEP § 1895, enclosed is a copy of the PCT Request which is submitted as evidence that the instant continuation is copending with the PCT application and has at least one inventor in common therewith.
 Certified copy of each of the following application(s) to substantiate the claim(s) for priority made in the Declaration:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
10-266984	21 September 1998	Japan

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